

7.0 Implementation

Implementation of this Master Plan will require prioritization of elements and extensive cooperation between the City of Minneapolis, the Minneapolis Community Development Agency (MCDA), the Metropolitan Council, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT), Metro Transit, Hennepin County, and area neighborhood organizations and community development corporations. The following is a list of recommended implementation steps and suggested responsibilities.

Street Network and Transit Connections		
Timeframe	Elements	Organization
2001-2004 (prior to opening of LRT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize design for narrowing of Franklin Avenue coordinating final Franklin Avenue bus stop locations and potential off-road bike/pedestrian trail. 	Mpls. Public Works, Hennepin County, Metro Transit
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate with Mn/DOT and Hennepin County regarding enclosure of northern span of Hiawatha bridge over Franklin Avenue and finalize design. 	Mpls. Planning/ Public Works
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete additional studies as necessary and finalize conceptual approach for redesign of Franklin-Cedar-Minnehaha intersection. Finalize design. 	Mpls. Public Works, Hennepin County
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize Route 19 and 20 bus stop locations for Franklin station per revised intersection design. Finalize plans for at-grade sidewalk connections to station platform. 	Metro Transit, Mpls. Planning
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design 16th Avenue Drop-Off in conjunctions with redevelopment plans for Cedar-Riverside station site. 	Mpls. Planning, MCDA
2004-2009 (first five years of operation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement at-grade sidewalk connections to Franklin station platform from the east as redevelopment occurs at the northwest quadrant of the Franklin-Cedar intersection. 	Mpls. Planning, MCDA

Street Network and Transit Connections		
Timeframe	Elements	Organization
2004-2009 (first five years of operation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement narrowing of Franklin Avenue in conjunction with development west of Franklin Station. 	Mpls. Public Works, Hennepin County
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction redesigned intersection at Franklin, Minnehaha and Cedar Avenues. 	Mpls. Public Works, Hennepin County
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction 16th Avenue Drop-Off in conjunction with redevelopment of Cedar-Riverside Station block. 	MCDA, Mpls. Public Works, Hennepin County
Transit Supportive Land Use and Redevelopment		
Timeframe	Elements	Organization
2001-2004 (prior to opening of LRT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine parking requirements for new development in transit areas and recommended safeguards to prevent unwanted “park-and-ride” use of commercial parking. 	Mpls. Planning, Mpls. Public Works
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt “transit overlay” zoning for both station areas which provides for a range of residential and commercial uses including “minimum” density levels, “build to” lines, special parking ratios and provisions for pedestrian circulation. 	Mpls. Planning
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare a study of redevelopment costs and assessment of redevelopment concerns for the Cedar-Riverside station block. 	Mpls. Planning, MDCA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design and implement distinctive signage or public art piece for the corner of 6th Street and 16th Avenue to assist in wayfinding to the Cedar-Riverside station prior to redevelopment of the station block. 	Metro Transit, Mpls. Planning, MCDA

Transit Supportive Land Use and Redevelopment		
Timeframe	Elements	Organization
2001-2004 (prior to opening of LRT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to participate in efforts to facilitate development at the Franklin Square site at the southern end of the LRT Yards and Shops site. 	Mpls. Planning
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate efforts to clean up outdoor storage facilities at the Cedar Box/Ambles site. 	Mpls. Planning
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support neighborhood efforts to provide mixed-infill along Franklin and Cedar Avenues and to support residential redevelopment efforts in adjacent neighborhoods. (Ongoing through long term.) 	Mpls. Planning, MCDA
2004-2009 (first five years of operation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate redevelopment of the area north of Franklin station, east of Old Cedar Avenue as economic conditions warrant. 	Mpls. Planning, MCDA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate replacement of the western portion of the Hiawatha noise wall along Franklin Avenue with a two-story commercial development. 	Mpls. Planning, MCDA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine land uses east of Minnehaha Avenue in the Seward neighborhood should intersection redesign terminate Minnehaha at Franklin. 	Mpls. Planning
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate redevelopment of blighted properties along 15th Avenue South. 	Mpls. Planning, MCDA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design landscape improvements to, and examine development potential of area within traffic square should this concept be implemented for the Franklin-Cedar-Minnehaha intersection. 	Mpls Planning, MCDA, Mpls Public Works
Long Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate redevelopment of the Cedar Box/Ambles site including provision of a public walkway from the East Phillips neighborhood. 	Mpls. Planning, MCDA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate additional at-grade development along 6th Street including infill of Riverside Plaza Building B, development of east side of 6th between 15th and 16th Avenues, and any proposed additions to the Cedars residential complex. 	Mpls. Planning, MCDA, Mpls. Public Housing Authority

Pedestrian and Bicycle Connections		
Timeframe	Elements	Organization
2001-2004 (prior to opening of LRT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design and implement improvements to Franklin Avenue beneath the Hiawatha bridge. 	Mpls. Public Works, Hennepin County, Mn/DOT
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine feasibility of a stair connection to Hiawatha Trail from Cedar Avenue just south of Franklin Avenue to the Franklin Station platform. 	Mpls. Public Works, Metro Transit
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement pedestrian enhancements to narrowed Franklin Avenue between Minnehaha and Bloomington Avenues. 	Mpls. Planning, Mpls. Public Works
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement sequential art gateway and/or other pedestrian improvement to 6th Street corridor to Cedar-Riverside station. Open up green spaces at 6th and Cedar to provide opportunities for visual connections back to station block. Design and implement “gateway” transit shelters at 6th and Cedar. 	Metro Transit, Mpls. Planning, Mpls. Public Works
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide pedestrian enhancements to “alley” between 5th Street and 6th Street east of Riverside Plaza. 	Mpls. Public Works
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide signage indicating public path through Riverside Plaza complex. 	Mpls. Public Works, Riverside Plaza
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities to provide a bike lane should be considered with the narrowing of Franklin Avenue. 	Mpls. Public Works
2004-2009 (first five years of operation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine feasibility of a direct connection from the East Phillips neighborhood to Franklin station via the Cedar Box/Ambles site. 	Mpls. Public Works, MCDA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine feasibility of providing a pedestrian connection along 16th Avenue alignment near Cedar Avenue and 3rd Street 	Mpls. Planning, Mpls. Public Works
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower or eliminate Currie Park berms to open up views to downtown; provide trailhead or “gateway” element to downtown along LRT trail. 	Mpls. Planning, Mpls. Park Board
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signed bike routes should be provided along 18th Avenue South and Franklin and 24th Street east of Minnehaha; bike lanes should be provided on Riverside Avenue, Bloomington Avenue, and 24th west of Hiawatha. 	Mpls. Public Works